

December 24, 2016

Welcome
to the
**NATIONAL
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

*Leading People to Become
Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ
Together in God's World*

CHRISTMAS EVE
FAMILY NATIVITY SERVICE
5 P.M.

*"...and they shall name him Emmanuel,"
which means, "God is with us."*

Matthew 1:23

Senior Pastor Dr. David Renwick
Associate Pastors Dr. Quinn Fox, Rev. Donna Marsh, Rev. Evangeline Taylor
Parish Associate Dr. Nancy Fox
Music Dr. Michael Denham (*Director*), William Neil (*Organist*)
Hilda Gore (*Contemporary Music Leader*)
Ministry Directors J. Theodore Anderson (*Library, Archives, & Older Adults*)
Kristin Franke (*Youth*), Jill Meek (*Children*)
Leslie Saum (*Connections*), John Turpin (*Serve*)



We are delighted that you have joined us to celebrate this Christmas Eve.

Please join us tomorrow for Christmas Day worship

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Bring the whole family and dress casually for joyful carols, a short sermon, and a celebration of the “Christmas Story for Children of All Ages.”

Hot chocolate will be served in the Court of Flags.

New Year’s Day Worship

11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

All are welcome every Sunday!

Full schedule resumes on January 8:

Worship: 9:00, 10:50, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 a.m.



CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY

5 P.M.

Please move to center of pews to allow for maximum seating.

STORY OF THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

PRELUDE

Greensleeves

Richard Purvis
William Neil, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Quinn Fox

Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Register.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL HYMN O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Kristin and Grant Franke

ISAIAH FORETELLS THE COMING OF CHRIST

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

THE PROPHECY

ANGELS VISIT MARY AND JOSEPH

GABRIEL TO MARY

ANGEL TO JOSEPH

MARY AND JOSEPH TRAVEL TO BETHLEHEM

SOLO

Noel

Joanna Jones

THE BIRTH OF JESUS

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

ANGELS VISIT THE SHEPHERDS

ANGEL TO SHEPHERDS

HEAVENLY HOST

CHOIRS

Angels We Have Heard on High

Grace Notes Choir

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria

Shepherds why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?
Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo; Glo-----ria in excelsis Deo.

Do You Hear What I Hear?

Joyful Noisemakers

Said the night wind to the little lamb, "Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb, do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night with a tail as big as a kite, with a tail as big as a kite."

Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy, "Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy, do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song high above the trees with a voice as big as the sea, with a voice as big as the sea."

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king, "Do you know what I know?
In your palace walls, mighty king, do you know what I know?
A Child, a Child shivers in the cold – let us bring him silver and gold, let us bring him silver and gold."

Said the king to the people everywhere, "Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere, listen to what I say!
The Child, the Child sleeping in the night; he will bring us goodness and light,
He will bring us goodness and light."

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

Joyful Noisemakers

There's a star in the east on Christmas morn,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow, it will lead you to the place
Where the Christ was born, rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow, follow, rise up shepherd, and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

If you take good heed to angel's words,
Rise up, shepherd, and follow, you'll forget your flocks,
You'll forget your herds, rise up, shepherd and follow.
Follow, follow, rise up shepherd, and follow, follow the star of Bethlehem, rise up, shepherd, and follow.

CAST

Narrators

Glenn and Katherine Schmitt

Isaiah

Michael Denham

Holy Family

Matthew and Sonaly McClymont

Viya McClymont

Angel to Mary

Molly Moore

Angel to Joseph

Isabelle Rakow

Angel to Shepherds

Sarah Thompson

Magi

Mike Hammaker

Allyn Abbott

Charlie Thompson

King Herod

Josh Dickey

Priest

Peter Crumley

Shepherds

Joyful Noisemakers Choir

Heavenly Host

Grace Notes Choir

CHOIRS

Grace Notes (Grades K-1st)

Karl Ajenifuja, Isabella Iordache, Ella Kauffman, Maggie Kauffman, Anna Kendall, Maggie Kendall, Brianna Nya, McKyle Pierce, Charlie Pippert, Harrison Rohrbaugh, Bram Schestopol, Celia Schestopol, Bryan Sherrard, Izzy Sutton, Christina Yale, Marissa Yale

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)

Allyn Abbott, Peter Crumley, Caroline Dickey, Susannah Gordon, Lauren Levinson, Samantha McNett, Molly Moore, Madeleine Murphy, Abigail Rakow, Isabelle Rakow, Josephine Rakow, Charlie Thompson, Anya Tockman, Zoe Tockman

Joyful Noisemakers (Grades 2-5)

Emma Ajenifuja, Katharina Ajenifuja, Evan Atchison, Thomas Crumley, Lauren Dickey, Grace Hafemeister, Caroline Kaleda, Jamie Levinson, Brayden Nya, Daniel Piho, Alexandra Rohrbaugh, Eleanor Schmitt, Caroline Stewart, Christopher Sweeney, Meghan Thompson

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

Service Coordinator

Jill Meek

Rehearsal Directors

Dede Sweeney

Hilda Gore

Choir Directors

Joanna Jones - *Youth Choir*

Mandy Brown - *Joyful Noisemakers*

Alexandra August - *Grace Notes*

Pianist

Joanna Jones

Organist

William Neil

Advent Wreath Family

Kristin and Grant Franke

Costumes

Gerri Hall Nickels

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Kevin Borgmann

Livestream Operator

Robert Payne

Pastor

Dr. Quinn Fox

Set

Rubelio Interiano

Richard Pera

Head Usher

Walter Hampton

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Minute Gifts that Change the World

Our annual Mission Gifts for Christmas program provides the opportunity to give to charities in honor of a friend, family member, teacher, or coworker. *Shop online through Dec. 31: www.nationalpres.org/mission-gifts*

Christian Parenting Talks

*Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 10-10:30 a.m.
Elson Parlor*

Join us for talks specifically for parents, covering topics such as sports, secular culture, family time, and church community. Find insight into keeping your children rooted in faith as they experience youth and adolescence.

- Jan. 8: Faithfully Rooted on the Field – or at Play
- Jan. 15: Faithfully Rooted in “this City”
- Jan. 22: Faithfully Rooted in the Home
- Jan. 29: Faithfully Rooted “in the Pew”

“January Term” Classes for Adults

Sundays, Jan. 8-29, 9:30 a.m.

A variety of three week courses will take place in January, with a closing plenary session on Jan. 29 with Dr. Beck Taylor, President of Whitworth University, who will help us to think about the challenges facing Christian higher education. *Full class listings are available at nationalpres.org/adults*

Bible Reading for 2017

Several Bible reading guides are available as we begin the new year:

- Read the Bible’s “Top 100” greatest passages in 20 weeks
 - Read through the New Testament in a year
 - Read through the entire Bible in a year
- Reading guides and free Bibles are available on the info table (to the right as you exit the Sanctuary) or online: nationalpres.org*

Pathway Membership Class

Saturday, Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with pastors and church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class.

Contact Kemet Rakiatu by Jan. 13 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org, 202.537.7578.

Men’s Ministry Habitat Build

Saturday, Jan. 7, 7:30 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast will serve together this month, meeting at the church for a light continental breakfast before carpooling together to a Habitat for Humanity build site. Bring a jacket and be ready to work! No construction experience necessary. *Contact: Michael Maddox, mike.kentm@gmail.com.*

Make Sandwiches for the Homeless

Sunday, Jan. 8, after worship, Stone Hall

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha’s Table.

Refugee Family Project

Save the date: Saturday, Jan. 14, 2-4 p.m.

Want to help with a new refugee family resettling in the DC area next year? Lutheran Social Services, our agency partner, will be hosting a training seminar.

Prepare for Marriage Course

Saturday, Feb. 11, 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. *Contact Holly Novak by Jan. 30 to register: HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

Annual Women’s Retreat

April 28-30, Ellicott City, MD

Guest speaker and author Lucinda Secrest McDowell will encourage us to evaluate all the places in our lives where we can make space for God. *Registration begins in January.*

2017 AT NATIONAL

Sundays at National are full of inspirational preaching and joyful traditional and contemporary music, Christian education classes for all ages and stages, and time to connect with one another. There are many ways we gather to deepen our relationship with Christ.

A sampling of events and programming for the upcoming year:

Sunday Classes for Adults, Youth, and Children

Bible-based opportunities for spiritual growth for all ages and stages.

New Sermon Series: "I Believe"

Beginning January 8, Dr. Renwick will use the Apostles' Creed to explore the essential beliefs of historic Christian faith and their transformative power for our lives today.

Vacation Bible School

A week long half-day Bible camp in July for kids age 4 through 5th grade. Each day includes Bible teaching, music, crafts, games and service projects.

Second Sunday Sandwich Making

A monthly family-friendly service project making sandwiches for the homeless in our city.

Youth Trips

High school students travel to the Dominican Republic for a mission trip and middle school students attend a 5-day middle school conference with speakers and musicians.

GriefShare

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one meet weekly for support and prayer.

Small Groups

Groups gather throughout the week for Bible study, book discussion, prayer, support, and time with each other.

Great Day of Service

A day of service with family-friendly, hands-on service projects here at NPC and in the surrounding community.

Wholeness and Healing Services

Quarterly worship services of quiet reflection and prayer for those going through difficult times or who are looking for Christ's healing touch.

Learn more at www.nationalpres.org



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